

LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

C.O. CARSON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.



TO
THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS of the LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Westfield,
Lydney, Glos.

23rd March, 1943.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual
Report on the Health of the Lydney District for the year 1942.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

C.O. CARSON,

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

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R E P O R T of the ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

During the Year 1942 there have been no real epidemics and the number of infectious fevers notified has dropped from 241 in 1941 to 46 in 1942, and of these 46 cases, 33 were Scarlet Fever.

The number of Tuberculosis cases has dropped from 13 in 1941 to 8 in 1942.

The birth rate remains roughly the same as in 1941, but the death rate has dropped from 153 in 1941 to 121 in 1942. This satisfactory decrease is undoubtedly due to the recent medical discoveries, increased employment, and better food conditions (both quantity and quality).

Among the outstanding improvements of the medical and Health Services during the year are the following.

- (a) Increased cubicle accommodation at the Isolation Hospital so that more than one disease can be treated at the same time.
 - (b) A wholesome supply of water now available to the residents of Alvington from the Lydney Water Supply.
 - (c) Improvements in the sanitary accommodation at the Lydney Bathurst Swimming Pool.
 - (d) A serious epidemic of scabies and impetigo abated by the Council supplying free, the necessary medical agents.
- Other interesting facts of the Health Services are :-

- (a) The Casualty Services of the Civil Defence have kept up their attendance, training and efficiency during these long months of inactivity.
- (b) There has not been one case of infectious fever notified from the London C.C. Training Ship "Exmouth" since their arrival in this town early in 1940 which speaks well for the health of the "Ship".
- (c) By the end of 1942, over 92% of the school children in the Lydney Rural District had been immunized against Diphtheria and I doubt if any other records in the County can show such good results.

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Composition of District:- The Parishes of Lydney, Aylburton, Alvington, St.Briavels, Hewelsfield, Woolaston and Tidenham.

1.-General Statistics:- Area. (Acres) 24,544.

Population (Census 1931), 10,824; in 1942 estimated 10,700

Number of inhabited houses. (Census 1931), 2447.

Number of inhabited houses (end of 1942), 2930.

Rateable Value £52,659

Estimated product of a penny rate £209.

2.-Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year:-

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births (Legitimate)	273	144	129
(Illegitimate)	13	7	6
Still Births (Legitimate)	0	0	0
(Illegitimate)	5	2	3
Deaths	121	70	51
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	(No.29 Puerperal sepsis 0. (No.30 Other Puerperal Causes 0.		
Deaths from Cancer (all ages).....			9
do. from Measles (all ages).....			0
do. from Whooping-Cough (all ages).....			0
do. from Diarrhoea (under 2 years).....			0

3. Notifiable Diseases during the Year:-

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified</u>	<u>Cases admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Total Deaths</u>
Scarlet Fever	33	29 (Civilian) 1 (Non-civilian)	1
Diphtheria	3	2 (Civilian)	0
Measles	4	0	0
Whooping-Cough	0	0	0
Typhoid-Paratyphoid	0	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	0	0
Pneumonia	1	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal-Fever	1	1 (Non-civilian)	0
Other diseases generally notifiable			
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	0	0
Other diseases notifiable locally			
Erysipelas	2	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	0	0

Tuberculosis:-	Total Cases Notified	Deaths
(a) Pulmonary	(M.3 (F.2 <u>5</u>)	(M.1 (F.1 <u>2</u>)
Total	5	Total 2
(b) Non-pulmonary	(M.2 (F.1 <u>3</u>)	(M.1 (F.2 <u>3</u>)
Total	3	Total 3

4. Sickness during the Year:- Nothing Special.

5. Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District:-

(a) Hospital provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council.
Tuberculosis: Standish House Sanatorium. Total Beds 250

In addition there are 12 beds for advanced cases (female) at Cashes Green and 10 for acute surgical cases at Cheltenham General Hospital.

When the acute stage is over these go to the "surgical" beds at Standish House.

These beds are available for the whole county.

(b) Maternity. Gloucester D.N.A. No. of Beds: 12
Cheltenham D.N.A. No. of Beds: 8

(c) Children. Longford No. of Beds: 30

(d) Orthopaedic No. of Beds: 11

Cheltenham - 4: Gloucester - 3: Bristol - 4.

Inpatient treatment is available for County Cases at (i) Cheltenham General Hospital (ii) Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary and (iii) Winford Orthopaedic Hospital, Somerset

6. Fever. (1) Wilderness I.D. Hospital. No. of Beds: 52 including 6 cots and 6 beds for staff.

(2) Alvington Isolation Hospital. No. of Beds: 20, ~~beds~~!

7. Small-Pox. N.W.Glos.S.P.Hosp., No. of Beds 50. 5 for staff

8. General. (i) Dilke Hospital. No. of Beds 35.

(ii) Lydney & District Hospital.
No. of Beds: 19. In new block: 20.

Ambulance. (a) for infectious cases. One Motor.

(b) for non-infectious and accident cases: One Motor.

<u>School Clinics.</u>	Lydney.	Tuesday	
Tuberculosis Dispensaries	do.	Periodic	2 p.m.
<u>Orthopaedic Clinics</u>	do.	Tuesday	10.30 a.m.

Ante-Natal Clinic. Cinderford. Third Thursday in month. 2 p.m.

MORTALITY AT ALL AGES 1942. - LYDNEY R.D. COUNCIL.

Deaths in or belonging to whole District at Subjoined Ages

Registrar General's Index Nos.	Causes of Death	SEX		AGES												Inquests	Post Mortem												
		M.	F.	At all ages	Under 1 year	1-2 yrs.	2-3 yrs.	3-4 yrs.	4-5 yrs.	5-10 yrs.	10-15 yrs.	15-20 yrs.	20-35 yrs.	35-40 yrs.	45-65 yrs.			65 yrs. & Upwards											
7	Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12	G.P-Insane-Tubes-Dorsalis	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13	Cancer (all forms)	7	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
14	Diabetes	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
15	Cerebral Haemorrhage	6	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
16	Heart Disease	22	20	42	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	11	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
18	Other Circulatory Diseases	7	4	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
19	Bronchitis	1	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20	Pneumonia (all Forms)	2	5	7	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
21	Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
22	Septic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
24	Appendicitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
25	Cerrhosis of Liver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
27	Other Digestive Disorders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
28	Acute & Chronic Nephritis	3	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
29	Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
30	Other Puerperal Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
31	Congenital Debility	5	1	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
32	Senility	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
33	Suicide	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
34	Other deatns - Violence	7	2	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
35	Other defined diseases	4	-	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTALS		70	51	121	7	1	1	-	-	2	-	1	12	6	27	64	38	6	3	-	14	2	12	-	13	12	34	11	3

Lydney Parish
Aylburton "
Alvington "
Woolaston "
Tidenham "
Hewelsfield "
St.Briavels "
&
Brockweir
Beachley Mil.
Camp
Lydney
District Hospital
Died in but
not belonging
to the District
Belonging to the
District but died
out

INFANT MORTALITY IN LYDNEY R.D. 1942.

Causes of Death	M		F		Age Group					Location					
	M	F	Under 1 week	1 week and under 2 weeks	2 weeks and under 3 weeks	3 weeks and under 4 weeks	Total under One month	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	Total under 1 year	Lydney	Lydney Hospital	Non-resident in District
1. Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Bronchitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Congenital Debility	5	1	3	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	1	6	3	3	3
4. Other defined diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Appendicitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	5	1	3	-	-	1	4	1	-	-	1	6	3	3	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1942 - LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1942.

Diseases	SEX		CASES AND AGES											CASES AND PARISHES															
	M.	F.	At all ages	Under 1 yr.	1 to 2 yrs.	2 to 3 yrs.	3 to 4 yrs.	4 to 5 yrs.	5 to 10 yrs.	10 to 15 yrs.	15 to 20 yrs.	20 to 35 yrs.	35 to 45 yrs.	45 to 65 yrs.	65 and upwards	Lydney	Aylburton	Alvington	Woolaston & Hewelsfield	Tidenham	St. Briavels	Beachley Camp	Military Hospital	Lydney Hospital	Alvington Hospital	Chepsow Hospital	Wilderness Hospital	Total Deaths	
Scarlet Fever	13	20	33	-	1	3	1	5	13	3	3	4	-	-	25	1	2	-	-	4	-	1	1	-	-	29	1	-	1
Diphtheria	2	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	4	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia-neonatorum	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid and Paratyphoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	23	23	46	1	1	5	1	6	15	3	6	7	-	1	29	2	3	-	8	1	3	3	-	29	2	1	1	1	

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TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES and MORTALITY DURING 1942.

AGE PERIODS.	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1.....	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
5.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
15.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
20.....	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
25.....	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
35.....	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
45.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
55.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
65 and upwards	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	2	2	1	1	1	1	2

Sanitary Inspector's Office,
Tutnalls,
Lydney.

27th January, 1943.

TO
THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS of the LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Sir, Ladies & Gentlemen,

"ANNUAL REPORT"

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1942.

HOUSING.

Regarding Housing Repairs, this is a most difficult problem, and I am very much concerned with the condition detrimental to health existing at some properties, owing to the fact that very little of the repairs scheduled have been carried out.

Owners of properties are unable to carry out repairs owing to the shortage of labour and materials.

The present state of affairs which permitted the calling to the colours of Building Trade Operatives without due regard to their usefulness in civil life creates a serious affect on the condition of the existing houses, particularly of the poorer classes.

45 inspections of unfit houses were made during the year. Minor repairs were carried out to 25 houses, these repairs do not render the houses in all respects fit for human habitation.

In accordance with Circular 2156 from the Ministry of Health the Council renewed the six-month licences granted to owners of the following properties:-

Nos. 2, 3, & 4, Swan Row, Woolaston

Knoll Bungalow, Woolaston

Brook Cottage, nr. Pumping Alvington
Station

Nos. 1 & 5, Red Lion Court, Tidenham

Camping Sites. Number of camping sites in respect of 1
which licences were granted by the Council
under Sec.269 Public Health Act, 1936.

Other sites were used for camping purposes during the School Holiday period, no licences being required.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE. (Civilian)

PARISH	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Isolated at Home	Removed to Hospital	Total
LYDNEY	25	1	1	25	26
AYLBURTON	1	1	1	1	2
ALVINGTON	2	0	0	2	2
TIDENHAM	4	1	1	4	5
Total	32	3	3	32	35

29 cases of Scarlet Fever were treated at the Alvington Isolation Hospital.

One Diphtheria and One Scarlet Fever from the parish of Tidenham were removed to the Chepstow Isolation Hospital.

One case of Diphtheria from the parish of Lydney was removed to the Wilderness Isolation Hospital.

OTHER CIVILIAN NOTIFICATIONS WERE:-

PARISH	Measles	Erysipelas	Puerperal-Pyrexia	Pneumonia	Ophthalmia-neonatorum.	Total
LYDNEY	2	1	0	0	0	3
AYLBURTON	0	0	0	0	0	0
ALVINGTON	0	1	0	0	0	1
TIDENHAM	0	0	1	1	1	3
ST. BRAVELS	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	3	2	1	1	1	8

(Non-civilian) Notifications received from Military Camps were:-

SCARLET FEVER 1 CEREBRO-SPINAL-FEVER 1 MEASLES 1 Total 3.

All cases were removed to the Military Hospital.

DISINFECTION OF PREMISES.

Scarlet Fever & Diphtheria	36
Measles	3
Tuberculosis	4
Verminous premises	6
Total	<u><u>49</u></u>

Methods of disinfections used:- Formaldehyde spray: Lawes'

"Formagen Generators" & Zaldecide Liquid fumigant.

WATER.

Number of Water-Samples submitted to the Public Analyst:-

ALVINGTON 5: LYDNEY SWIMMING POOL 1.	<u>Total</u>	6
Number of Public Wells closed		0
Improvements carried out to Public Wells		5

Poors' Common well, The Chase Tidenham
Boiler's Well, Green Lane, Rosemary Lane, Tidenham
Cold-Harbour, St. Briavels
Well near Woolaston Reservoir
Well near Mr. Eagles, Woolaston Common

SEWAGE.

Sewage samples were taken from the Disposal Plant at Clanna House, Alvington, and submitted to the Public Analyst with unsatisfactory results.

MILK.

Methods of providing a clean safe milk to the public have been severely tested under existing conditions.

Lack of skilled labour and difficulty of securing sufficient labour has proved a very hard problem.

Complaints were received of the inferior keeping quality of the milk at some farms, particularly during the summer months.

In many cases it was traced to bad production methods, such as (a) failure to cool (b) wet handed milking (c) dirty udders and also in the winter months to the black-out.

Under the National Milk Testing and Advisory scheme every assistance was given to the Dairy Instructresses in operating the scheme.

Under the Milk & Dairies Order, 1926, and various Circular letters received from the County Council, 30 milk samples were taken from non-designated premises and submitted to the analyst at the Royal Infirmary (Department of Bacteriology & Pathology) Gloucester. Summary of the reports are as follows :-

Eleven Milk Samples.	No B.Coli present.	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 4,300 to 12,000
Four Milk Samples.	B.Coli present in 1 c.c.	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 6,900 to 190,000
Five Milk Samples	B.Coli present in 1/10 c.c.	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 25,600 to 780,000
Four Milk Samples	B.Coli present in 1/100 c.c.	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 6,800 to 45,000
⁵⁰⁰ Seven Milk Samples	B.Coli present in 1/1000 c.c.	Number of Bacteria per 1 c.c. varied from 168,000 to 960,000

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) ORDERS, 1926 & 1938.

Number of "Tuberculin Tested" Licences on the Register at the end of 1941	5
Number of "Accredited" Milk Licences on the Register at the end of 1941	21
Total	<u>26</u>
Number of "Tuberculin Tested" licences granted during 1942	1
Number of "Accredited" licences granted during 1942	1
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<u>Total number now on Register</u>	
"Tuberculin Tested" Milk Licences	6
"Accredited" Milk Licences	22
Total	<u>28</u>

Improvements to Cowsheds.

Improvements were carried out to 6 Cowsheds in the District.

SCHOOL MILK.

Analyst reports on milk supplied to schools in the Lydney area during the year were satisfactory.

The majority of schools are supplied with milk from designated premises. Lydney schools are not so supplied, due to the fact that the producer had not renewed his "Accredited" milk licence, but the reports of samples taken show that it is of "Accredited" standard.

SCHOOL	MILK SUPPLIED
Lydney C.of E.School	Non-designated
Lydney Junior C.School	do.
Lydney Infants C.School	do.
Lydney Senior School	do.
Lydney Grammar School	do.
Lydney C.of E.Primrose Hill School	do.
Aylburton C. of E.School	"Accredited" milk
Alvington C. of E.School	"Accredited" milk
Woolaston Council School	"Tuberculin Tested" milk
Hewelsfield Brockweir School	"Accredited" milk
St.Briavels School	"Accredited " milk
Tidenham C. of E.School	"Tuberculin Tested" milk
Chase in Tidenham C.of E.School	"Tuberculin Tested" milk
Tutshill School	"Tuberculin Tested" milk

MEAT REGULATIONS.

The following number of animals were slaughtered and the carcasses inspected for disease:-

Cattle	426
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MEAT REGULATIONS - (Contd.)

Calves	426
Sheep & lambs	4277
Pigs	59
Total	<u>5378</u>

Number slaughtered on unlicensed premises were:- 597 Pigs

Note:- The Lydney Food Executive Officer issued 597 licences during the year to self-suppliers.

The amount of meat condemned as unfit for human consumption was:-

4 carcasses of beef affected with Tuberculosis	1755lbs.
8 forequarters of beef affected with Tuberculosis	991lbs.
18 Ox Heads affected with Tuberculosis	541lbs.
2 Ox Heads affected with Actinomycosis	54lbs.
20 Ox Livers affected with Tuberculosis	262lbs.
7 Ox Livers affected with Fluke	100lbs.
Bruised beef	200lbs.
18 Sets of Ox Lungs affected with Tuberculosis	182lbs.
Beef offal affected with Tuberculosis	235lbs.
1 Sheep's carcass affected with Septicaemia	25lbs.
1 Emaciated sheep's carcass	50lbs.
2 Bruised carcasses of mutton	84lbs.
2 Sheep's Plucks affected with Strongylosis	14lbs.
136 Sheep livers affected with Fluke & Echinococcus	345lbs.
2 Carcasses of pork & offal affected with Tuberculosis	296lbs.
4 Pig's plucks affected with Pneumonia	38lbs.
2 Pig's plucks affected with Tuberculosis	13lbs.
3 Pig's livers affected with Cirrhosis	11lbs.
9 Legs of bruised pork	87lbs.
Bruised portions of pork	42lbs.
Carcass of veal (Bruised)	50lbs.
1 calf liver affected with cysts	3lbs.
Total	<u>5378lbs.</u>

Other Foodstuffs condemned as unfit for human consumption were:

517 tins of various foodstuffs

16lbs of New-Zealand Cheese

13½lbs of Luncheon Roll

31lbs. of Oranges

5 stone of Haddock

3 jars of jam

PETROLEUM ACTS.

Number of licences granted by the Council under the

Petroleum Acts, for storage of Petroleum Spirit was:- 24.

General:-

Complaints received:-

Nuisances reported to District Council	49
(a) Total	49
(b) Swine	0
Number of nuisances abated	49
Number of preliminary notices served	49
Statutory notices served	0
Convictions obtained	0
Nuisances unabated	0

Number of earth closets or privy vaults abolished for 7
W.Cs.

Number of earth closets or privy vaults abolished for 6
pail privies.

Number inspected of each of the following :-

	Number on Register	Number Inspected	Total number of Inspections
Common Lodging Houses	0	0	0
Slaughterhouses	10	1	147
Dairies; Cowsheds & Milkshops	126	99	135
Workshops	41	41	82
Bakehouses	14	13	27
Canal Boats	0	0	0
Residence of out-workers	0	0	0

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Certificates as to the suitability of means of Fire-Escape were granted during the year to managements of three factories under Sections 34 to 37 of the above Act.

Number of Factories with mechanical power on the Register:- 10

Number of inspections:- 24

PREMISES OR OCCUPATIONS SUBJECT TO STATUTORY CONTROL.

Under the Shops Act, 1934.

Number of visits and inspections:- 63

LYDNEY SHIPPING. 1942.

AMOUNT of SHIPPING entering THE PORT during the YEAR 1942.

	Number	Tonnage	Number reported to be defective	No. of Vessels on which defects were remedied	Number inspected by Sanitary Inspector
<u>FOREIGN</u>					
Steamers	0	0	0	0	0
"Motors"	0	0	0	0	0
Sailing	0	0	0	0	0
Fishing	0	0	0	0	0
Total Foreign	0	0	0	0	0
<u>COASTWISE</u>					
Steamers	31	2190	0	0	9
"Motors"	344	20478	0	0	7
Sailing	256	12135	0	0	2
Fishing	0	0	0	0	0
Total Coastwise	631	34803	0	0	18
Total Foreign & Coastwise	631	34803	0	0	18

" Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers.

RATS & MICE DESTRUCTION ACT, 1919.

The action taken by the Council on the 20th June, 1941, in entering into a three-year-agreement with the Gloucestershire County Council for the destruction of rats at the Lydney and Aylburton Refuse Tips against this danger to public health is proving satisfactory.

During several visits to the above refuse tips few rats were seen. The work carried out by Mr. J.C. Brocklebank the County Pests Officer in dealing with the infestation is making good progress.

ANTI-GAS LECTURES & INSTRUCTION.

As L.A.R.P. Instructor in Air Raid Precautions, full Anti-Gas Lectures and Instruction were given to trainees in the district.

Courses in "Individual Training (First Stage)", i.e., Elementary Training in A.R.P. Organisation, Incendiary Bomb Control, Protection against High Explosive Bombs etc., were also given.

St. Briavels & Hewelsfield Housing.

During the absence of the official rent collector who is in H.M. Froces, I have carried out the duties of rent collecting, and I am very pleased to report that there was no rent arrears for year ending 31st December, 1942.

I beg to remain,

Sir, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W.M. RICHARDS,

(Sanitary Inspector).